



City of Chicopee, Massachusetts

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Minutes for April 26, 2012

In attendance: Chairman Goulette, Commissioner, Grise, Derosia and Taney. Also present Atty. Rooke.

Minutes for March are presented to the Board. Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a New Wine/Malt Restaurant License with a Cordials/ Liqueurs Permit for Friendly's Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Friendly's Restaurants, 529 Memorial Dr with Mark Campola as manager. In attendance: Atty. Tom Murphy and Mark Campola. Atty. Murphy informs the Board that Friendly's is adding beer/wine/liqueurs & cordials to its menu to be more competitive with surrounding area restaurants. The menu will primarily be the same with burgers and ice cream. There is an outside area for takeout service and ice cream only. No alcohol will be served outside. Friendly's had tried this concept in a Florida store but there was not enough interest and sales were slow so it was discontinued. They are aware that all staff must be TIPs certified and that employee's must be 18 in order to serve alcohol. Commissioner Grise makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Derosia seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a New Wine/Malt Package Store for Pride Convenience, Inc, 167 Chicopee St with Bernadette Bain as manager. In attendance: Athene Zaleski and Bernadette Bain. Ms. Zaleski submits an updated store and parking plan to the Commissioners. After speaking with the Fire department and listening to their concerns, they have altered the parking lot to include angled spots and handicapped spots in the front and side of the building. There will be new striping for fire lanes and pump areas. There will be a sole employee to monitor the pumps and fire lanes. The Building will be remolded to include 2 entrances. There will be a single cashier for alcohol sales only. Any other purchases must be made at the other cashier. The staff will increase for peak hours. The building department has reviewed the plans and there are no issues. Commissioner Derosia has concerns about the parking situation. It might look good on paper but the reality is it might not work. He also feels the door is an issue. Atty. Rooke asks Capt. Galarneau of the Fire department if there any issues. Capt. Galarneau states that the Fire department is okay with the revised changes to the parking lot to include clearly marked fire lanes and no parking allowed in front of the gas pumps. He also suggests that the plan for the striping is submitted before implementation. Ms. Bain informs the Board that they train the staff to ask that customers move their vehicles if they are parked in fire lanes or no parking areas. Or if the visibility to pumps is blocked. Capt. Galarneau feels the 2nd door is not necessary. Chairman Goulette asks if that 2nd door can be for emergency only. Ms. Zaleski agrees. She also states that she comes from a background in construction and likes to have 2 means of ingress and egress. Capt Galarneau states the angled parking is required for a better traffic flow as it will be a destination store. Chairman Goulette asks what the time frame for implementation would be for this project to get started. Ms. Zaleski states they will begin immediately after approval. Chairman Goulette asks for any public comment. Mr. Bourdeau speaks on behalf of an employee of his from Calloway Golf who lives on Roy St. He also submits a petition of area residents who are opposed to this license. They feel there are too many children in the area going in and out of the store. The traffic flow is horrendous. He has also been a patron of the store himself. There are at least 3 other package stores in the area so there is no need for this. With the summer months coming up, children will be out of school and in the area more. The parking lot is also very dangerous with the dual entrances /exits. It is also in close proximity to a school, a park and the Boys and Girls Club. He has witnessed several near accidents in the parking lot. There are many concerns about intoxicated patrons entering and exiting the store and parking lot. Mr.

Sliski who owns an abutting property states that he was denied a license previously. He also feels there are too many children in the area. He has property they can buy and put up a building. Ms. Zaleski states that the bulk of the alcohol sales occur after 5:00 PM. She also questions how the children are arriving at the store, on foot or are parents dropping them off. The Commission feels this is a heavy residential area and there are many public safety concerns with this application. Atty. Rooke suggest that the Commission take into consideration the Fire department recommendations, the proximity to schools, parks, close proximity to other liquor stores and incorporate those into any motion that is made. Also that all requirements are in place before a license is issued. Chairman Goulette feels the plan was well laid out but it needs to be monitored. Ms. Zaleski agrees it is a busy site and they are also concerned with public safety. Ms. Bain states that all managers will be TIPs trained. Commissioner Derosia questions the parking plan and if there are enough spaces for this location. People do park at the pumps on occasions. It does happen at all locations. Chairman Goulette states that if it is approved and the store is not operated according to what has been said tonight, then the Commission would have to suspend the license immediately. The Commission has to be very careful considering this license. Public Safety is a top priority. Ms. Bain states that the Springfield North store has a very busy road at that location and they are concerned with public safety as well. Chairman Goulette states that this Commission is not concerned with that location. Ms. Bain states that Pride is very concerned with public safety at all its locations. Commissioner Derosia states that the parking lots are much different. Springfield North has a much larger parking area than the Chicopee street location. Ms. Zaleski states that this project is very important and they have done due diligence. Public Safety is priority on this project. Capt. Galarneau suggests that the parking on the side of the building be a one way only direction around the back of the building for exiting. Commissioner Grise makes a motion to approve with the stipulation that all Fire department requirements are implemented and changes made to the doors and all requirements be made before the license is issued. There is no second. Ms. Zaleski asks for the application to be withdrawn. Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to accept the withdrawal. Commissioner Taney seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for an Alteration of Premises for Munich Haus, 13 Center St to extend deck. In attendance: Patrick Gottschlicht. Mr. Gottschlicht informs the Board that they would like to extend the existing deck to include the property that is directly adjacent to the building. This new area would include a beer garden. They have a lease for this property. They have submitted proposed plans. They will submit a final plan for the Commission and the Planning Board. Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 3-0 with 1 abstention. Commissioner Taney abstains as he was a former employee.

Renewal of a Seasonal All Alcohol Club License for the Eagles, 17 Sheridan St. Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Taney seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit(Beer/Wine) for Patti's Four-Ten, 32 Quincy Ave for a Golf Tournament to be held on May 19, 2012 from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM with Patricia Bousquet as applicant. Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a Special One-Day Permit (Beer/Wine) for St. Rose de Lima Parish, 600 Grattan St for the Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to be held on May 11, 2012 from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM with Aida Gaouette as applicant. . Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve and waive the fee. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a Special One-Day Permit (Beer/Wine) for Aramark @ Elms, 291 Springfield St for a Business & Law Reception to be held on May 3, 2012 from 5:00 until 7:00 PM with Jeff LeBlanc as applicant. Commissioner Taney makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a Special Event Permit for the Moose Lodge, 44 Fuller Rd for a Jack & Jill with Live Bands to be held on May 19, 2012 with Bob Hupfer as applicant. Commissioner Grise makes a motion

to approve. Commissioner Taney seconds. Motion approved 3-0. Commissioner Derosia abstains as this is his family's event.

Application for a Special Event for a 18+ College Night to be held at Maximum Capacity, 116 School St on May 17, May 24 , May 31 and June 7, 2012 with Donald Robert, Jr as applicant. . Commissioner Grise makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Taney seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a Special Event for a Band CD Release Party to be held at Maximum Capacity, 116 School St on May 26, 2012 from 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM with Donald Robert, Jr as applicant. . Commissioner Grise makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Taney seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a Common Victualer for Kamy's Food Mart, 817 Front St with Kamy Sanghvi as manager (new owner) . Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for an Automatic Amusement (1 Skill Touch) for Kamy's Food & Fuel, Inc, 817 Front St with Kamy Sanghvi as applicant (new owner). Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for Common Victualer for Po's Chinese Restaurant, 480 Burnett Rd with Yi Lin Guo as manager (new owner). Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a Mobile Common Victualer for Rachael's Foods/Grote & Weigel with Mike Pepin as manager. Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a Mobile Common Victualer for Otilio and Tiffany Bermudez. Commissioner Taney makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for a Automatic Amusement(Skill Top) for Fruit Fair, 398 Front St with Bob Patel as manager. Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to table this application until we receive more information concerning this machine. Commissioner Taney seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Fest of All Common Victualers:

Veggie Patch

Millie's Pierogi

Edible Arrangements

Commissioner Derosia makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Taney seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Filing fees are read into the record by Commissioner Grise.